



COVID-19 Vaccination Billing Resources for Local Health Departments

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Cost

How much will the vaccines cost?

There is no cost. They are free to everyone, even if you do not have health insurance. The federal government is covering the cost.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/no-cost.html>

"All providers must vaccinate individuals regardless of whether they have health insurance coverage or what type of coverage they have and are prohibited from balance billing or otherwise charging vaccine recipients."

Source: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-vaccine-toolkit.pdf>

Coding

"The American Medical Association (AMA) published an update to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set that includes new vaccine-specific codes to report immunizations for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19).

This level of specificity offers the ability to track each vaccine dose, even when the vaccine product is not reported (e.g., when the vaccine may be given to the patient for free). These CPT codes report the actual work of administering the vaccine, in addition to all necessary counseling provided to patients or caregivers and updating the electronic record."

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Ages 12 & up)

91300: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use.

0001A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; **first dose**.

0002A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; **second dose**.

0003A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; **third dose**.

0004A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; **booster dose**.

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Ready to Use: ages 12 & up)

91305: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3 mL dosage, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use

00051A: Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine (Ready to Use) Administration - **first dose**.

00052A: Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine (Ready to Use) Administration - **second dose**.

00053A: Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine (Ready to Use) Administration - **third dose**.

0054A: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Ready to Use) Administration - **booster**.

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Ages 5 to 11)

91307: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use

0071A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; **first dose**.

0072A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; **second dose**.

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

91301: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use.

0011A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; **first dose**.

0012A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; **second dose**.

0013A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; **third dose**.

Moderna COVID-19 Booster

91306: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 50 mcg/0.25 mL dosage, for intramuscular use, **booster vaccine**.

0064A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 50 mcg/0.25 mL dosage, **booster dose**.

Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

91303: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, preservative free, 5x10¹⁰ viral particles/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use.

0031A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, preservative free, 5x10¹⁰ viral particles/0.5mL dosage, **single dose**.

0034A: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, preservative free, 5x10¹⁰ viral particles/0.5 mL dosage; **booster dose**.

Source: American Medical Association

<https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2020-11/covid-19-immunizations-appendix-q-table.pdf>

<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-announces-update-covid-19-vaccine-cpt-codes>

<https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/new-cpt-codes-coronavirus-vaccines-what-you-need-know>

<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-announces-update-covid-19-vaccine-cpt-codes-2>

Program Assignment

Program Assignment for COVID-19 vaccination

- Assign to the program that is providing the COVID-19 vaccination.
- If a patient is seen only for COVID-19 vaccination, then code as Immunization (IM). When a COVID-19 vaccination is given as part of a clinic service, for example a patient presents to Family Planning Clinic and receives COVID-19 vaccination, assign the program of the clinic where the patient presented.

Billing

“Vaccine doses purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars will be given to the American people at no cost. However, vaccination providers may be able to charge administration fees for giving the shot. Vaccination providers can get this fee reimbursed by the patient’s public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients, by the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Provider Relief Fund (HRSA).”

Source: CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/8-things.html>

It is recommended to review your private insurance’s resources for specific billing guidance pertinent to that insurance.

Make sure you enter the CPT Codes for the vaccine and the administration fee into your billing system and the COVID-19 Vaccine Management System (CVMS).

The below table provides a summary of the billing codes for the payers specified in this document. For additional details, please refer to the resources of this document.

Summary COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Billing for Local Health Departments				
	Payers	CPT Codes	National Drug Classification	Details
Pfizer	NC Medicaid; Medicare; HRSA	Ages 12 & up 91300 – Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine 0001A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 1 st dose 0002A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0003A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd dose 0004A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, booster	59267-1000-01 59267-1000-02 59267-1000-03	<i>No reimbursement for the actual COVID-19 vaccine</i> Effective 03/15/2021 reimbursement for each administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is \$40.00.
	NC Medicaid; Medicare; HRSA*	Ready to Use: Ages 12 & up 91305 – Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine 0051A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 1 st dose 0052A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0053A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd dose 0054A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, booster	59267-1025-01 59267-1025-02 59267-1025-03 59267-1025-04	<i>No reimbursement for the actual COVID-19 vaccine</i> Effective 03/15/2021 reimbursement for each administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is \$40.00.
	NC Medicaid; Medicare; HRSA*	Ages 5 to 11 91307 – Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, pediatric 0071A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 1 st dose 0072A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose	59267-1055-01 59267-1055-02 59267-1055-04	<i>No reimbursement for the actual COVID-19 vaccine</i> Effective 03/15/2021 reimbursement for each administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is \$40.00.
Moderna	NC Medicaid; Medicare; HRSA*	91301 – Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 0011A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 1 st dose 0012A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0013A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd dose	80777-0273-10 80777-0273-99 80777-0273-15 80777-0273-98	<i>No reimbursement for the actual COVID-19 vaccine</i> Effective 03/15/2021 reimbursement for each administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is \$40.00.
	NC Medicaid; Medicare; HRSA*	91306 – Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, booster 0064A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose	80777-0273-10	<i>No reimbursement for the actual COVID-19 vaccine</i> Effective 03/15/2021 reimbursement for each administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is \$40.00.

Janssen	NC Medicaid; Medicare; HRSA	91303 – Janssen COVID-19 vaccine 0031A – Admin of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine 0034A – Admin of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, booster	59676-0580-15	<i>No reimbursement for the actual COVID-19 vaccine</i> Effective 03/15/2021 reimbursement for each administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is \$40.00.
	NC Medicaid	99401 – Preventative medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention (s) provided to an individual, up to 15 minutes	N/A	Effective 06/22/2021 reimbursement of provider (Physician or AAP) vaccine counseling is \$32.94.
	Medicare	M0201 - Additional payment for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to certain Medicare patients in their homes	N/A	Effective 06/08/2021 reimbursement of additional payment for administering COVID-19 vaccine to certain patients in their homes of \$35.00.
<i>*At the time of this document, HRSA has not added newly listed codes for reimbursement.</i>				
Resources: COVID-19 Special Medicaid Bulletins, https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/about-us/covid-19-guidance-and-resources/providers/covid-19-special-medicare-bulletins Medicare Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Administration, https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-billing-covid-19-vaccine-shot-administration HRSA, COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement, https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/billing-codes.html				

NC Medicaid & NC Health Choice COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Billing Guidance

Effective March 15, 2021, NC Medicaid is aligning reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) increased Medicare rate. Medicaid will pay \$40 for the administration of single-dose COVID-19 vaccines. For COVID-19 vaccines requiring multiple doses, Medicaid will pay \$40 for each dose in the series.

For dates of service **on or after March 15, 2021**:

- Administration (per dose) of a COVID-19 vaccine - \$40.00
- The ICD-10-CM diagnosis code required for billing is: Z23 - Encounter for immunization
- Providers must bill 11-digit NDCs
- The NDC units should be reported as "UN1"
 - Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 0.3mL = 1 unit
 - Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 0.2mL (pediatric) = 1 unit
 - Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine 0.5mL = 1 unit
 - Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Booster 0.25mL = 1 unit
 - Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine 0.5mL = 1 unit
- Claims must contain both administration codes and vaccine codes to pay.
- Vaccine codes should be reported as \$0.00.
- Claims for first vaccine dose must have been processed, prior to processing a claim for second dose.
- Modifiers
 - TJ modifier should be used for NC Health Choice claims (age 6 through 18 years).
 - EP modifier should be used for all non-NC Health Choice (only Medicaid beneficiaries) younger than 21 years of age.

If you have any questions about product specific information, please contact the Immunization Branch Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247 and press option '6.' If you have any questions about billing NC Medicaid, please call the GDIT Call Center at 1-800-688-6696.

Visit Medicaid's website for these guidelines: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/medicaid-bulletin>

Newly Released NC Medicaid COVID-19 Special Bulletins

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #196: Pfizer Pediatric Dose Authorized

Pfizer Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine is authorized for use under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for active immunization to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in individuals five years and older. Effective with date of service Oct. 29, 2021, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover Pfizer Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code 91307 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #198: Pfizer Vaccine for 12 years and older

Effective with date of service Sept. 29, 2021, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (12 years of age and older) - does not require dilution for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code 91305 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3 mL dosage, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use.

Medicare COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Billing Guidance

Effective March 15, 2021, CMS has increased the reimbursement rate for COVID-19 vaccine administration to \$40. Medicare will reimburse \$40 for single dose COVID-19 vaccine administration. For COVID-19 vaccines requiring multiple doses, Medicare will pay \$40 for each dose in the series.

For dates of service **on or after March 15, 2021**:

- Administration (per dose) of a COVID-19 vaccine - \$40.00

- You'll be able to bill on single claims for COVID-19 shot administration or submit claims on a roster bill for multiple patients at one time.
- When COVID-19 vaccine doses are provided by the government without charge, only bill for the vaccine administration. Don't include the vaccine codes on the claim when the vaccines are free.
- If you participate in a Medicare Advantage Plan, submit your COVID-19 claims to Original Medicare for all patients enrolled in Medicare Advantage in 2020 and 2021.

Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine to Certain Medicare Patients in their Homes

Effective June 8, 2021, CMS has announced the use of HCPCS Level II code M0201 for the additional payment for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to certain Medicare patients in their homes.

- You should report this code in addition to the appropriate CPT code for the product- and dose-specific COVID-19 vaccine administration
- You can only report the HCPCS Level II code for home vaccine administration once per home per date of service
- If you administer the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 1 Medicare patient in a single home on the same day, you should:
 - Only report the HCPCS Level II code M0201 once
 - Report the appropriate CPT code for the product- and dose-specific COVID-19 vaccine administration for each Medicare patient vaccinated in the home that day

Health Resources Services Administration COVID-19 Uninsured Program Coding and Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Effective March 15, 2021, HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program's has increased reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccine administration.

For dates of service **on or after March 15, 2021:**

- Administration (per dose) of a COVID-19 vaccine - \$40.00

Claims submitted for the administration of an FDA-licensed or authorized vaccine must be submitted as single line item claims, and must include one of the following codes to be eligible for reimbursement:

- Pfizer: 0001A, 0002A, 0003A, 0004A
- Moderna: 0011A, 0012A, 00013A
- Janssen: 0031A

Please note that only the administration of the vaccine is eligible for reimbursement through the HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program.

Visit HRSA's Uninsured Program website for these guidelines: <https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/>

**At the time of this document, HRSA has not added newly listed codes for reimbursement.*

Evaluation by Provider related to COVID-19 Vaccination

A provider that consults a patient, either in-person or telemedicine, for the purpose of evaluation of history and/or examination/assessment for receiving the COVID-19 vaccination may code and bill the appropriate evaluation and management service code for services rendered. The record of these visits must meet documentation standards required for reimbursement of services.

Resources

NC Medicaid

[**SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #147: Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine \(N/A\) HCPCS code 91301: Billing Guidelines**](#)

[**SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #148: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine \(N/A\) HCPCS Code 91300: Billing Guidelines**](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #160: Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine HCPCS Code 91303 and 0031A Billing Guidelines](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #162: Medicaid Rate Increases for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Codes](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #163: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #165: Update to Approved Vaccines Covered by NC Medicaid](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #168: Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #169: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #170: Update on Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #171: COVID-19 Rate Increases Under NC Medicaid Managed Care](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #174: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #176: Third COVID-19 Vaccine Available](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #179: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #184: Update on Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #186: Booster Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #192: Vaccination Outreach Code Reimbursement](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #193: Public Health Emergency Extended](#)

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NC DHHS COVID-19 Response – Information for Healthcare Providers

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/providers>